

WAHPETON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL RULES

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1. Children are allowed on site **ONLY** in emergency situations unless immediately supervised by an adult other than the player. Officials have the right to stop or forfeit play if children are not controlled and causing disruptions to the game.
2. All games must begin on time if any players are present. If no players are present, that team would forfeit the first game and the second game would begin in 10 minutes with the same rule in effect followed by the third game in another 10 minutes.
3. The official shall use a coin toss (or pick a number) to start the first game. The winner of the coin toss gets the option of serve or court. After the first game teams automatically switch sides and the team that received the court during the 1st game receives the serve. The team that served first in the first game will serve first in the third game.
4. **Player boundaries - No part of any player shall touch the net.**
5. **Serving - The server shall hit the ball with one hand, fist or arm (overhand or underhand) while the ball is held or after the server releases the ball. A ball that touches the net and passes over is a live ball and should be played on. The foot may not touch the back line when serving or a foot fault will be called.**
6. **Play -Each team may use up to three legal hits in order to return the ball back over the net. A block at the net is not counted as one of the 3 hits. Legal contact is a touch of the ball BY ANY PART of a player's body which does not allow the ball to visibly come to rest or involve prolonged contact with a players' body**
7. **Rally Score/Time Limit**
 - a. **All three games will be played with the first two games being played to 20 and the third game played to 15. Teams must win by two except there will be a cap of 22 and 17.**
 - b. **If the match is not complete when the thirty (30) minute limit expires, the following will govern play:**
 - a. **If time expires in the second game, the match will be over and the third game will not be played.**
 - b. **If in the third game, the ref will announce how many minutes are left and the game will immediately be over when time is up. If game is tied the ref will announce that the next point wins.**
8. **Illegal hits - The ball shall be judged by an official and the ball goes to the opposition with a point being awarded to the opponent as well.**
9. **Boundary lines - A ball landing on the line is in. Players may step across any boundary line to play a ball with the exception of the centerline. The centerline is the line running parallel to the net and directly below it. Players may step on the centerline, but not completely over it. If captains from both teams agree that an incorrect "out" call has been made by the official, the official shall reverse his/her call. If there is no agreement and the official is uncertain he/she may call for a reserve.**
10. **Overhead obstructions - Ball hitting the ceiling or any other obstructions above the attacking team's court may continue to be played if the attacking team has hits remaining. Balls that hit an over head obstruction and land in the opponent's court are considered out-of-bounds. Balls hitting the side or backside of the walls, floors and objects or officials outside the boundary lines are still considered out-of-bounds. Captains at the beginning of the season should consult with the officials regarding any questions about site specific boundary lines.**
11. **Any ball that hits the standard shall be considered out-of-bounds. Any time an antenna is used on the nets, it is out-of-bounds for all hits.**

12. **Interference** - Any ball that rolls onto the court from an adjacent court provides for a hazardous situation and the official may call interference whereas play shall be stopped immediately by a multiple whistle from the official and replayed. The ball is in play until the official, who shall use their best judgment to determine risk, makes the call.
13. **Spiking** - Teams are allowed to spike. Breaking the plane of the net IS legal at times but is a referee's judgment call. If the team has only one hit left on their side, a player on the opposing side may break the plane of the net and attack the ball IF; under the judgment call of the ref, there was nobody there to play their third hit. When ANY part of the ball is in the neutral zone above the net, the ball is free play for either side.
14. **Blocking** - Teams may not block or attack a serve. Block may occur as long as the opposing team has had an opportunity to complete its attack. A block does not count as a hit.
15. **Simultaneous or successive hits** - A player may play the ball twice in succession if there is simultaneous ball contact with another player. A simultaneous hit is counted as one hit and any player may hit the ball providing of course, the attacking team has a hit remaining. A successive hit is permitted after a block.
16. **Substitutions** – If your team starts with less than 6 players, as the extra players show up they may enter the game in any position. Once you have your 6 players on the court, the players must stay in the same rotation and rotate in and out in the middle back position.
17. **Time Outs** – The captain must notify the official if they want a time out. Only one time out per game is allowed.
18. **Officials rulings:**
 - a. Only designated captains may question the official in a controlled manner. Ejection of players may occur for violating unsportsmanlike manners.
 - b. Violations of sportsmanship consist of the following: swearing, smoking, fighting, flagrant use of equipment and intoxication may result in league suspensions.
19. **Forfeits** - Team captains must call the Wahpeton and Breckenridge Recreation Departments and the opposing team to let them know your team will not be able to make it and will be forfeiting all three games. In the event a team fails to show for their scheduled games, the statistical record will show as forfeit (loss).
20. **Teams are required to use only rostered players (unlimited roster).**
 - a. Teams may add players to the rosters until 5:00pm the last day of the regular season.
 - b. No player may be added during the playoffs.
 - c. Additional players can only be added by captains calling the Wahpeton Parks and Recreation department at 642-2811.
 - d. Players 17 years of age and under may participate but the roster is limited to no more than two players per team from this age group.
21. **It is illegal to possess or consume alcohol and or tobacco products on school grounds.**
22. **Officials will record all incidence and or injuries.**